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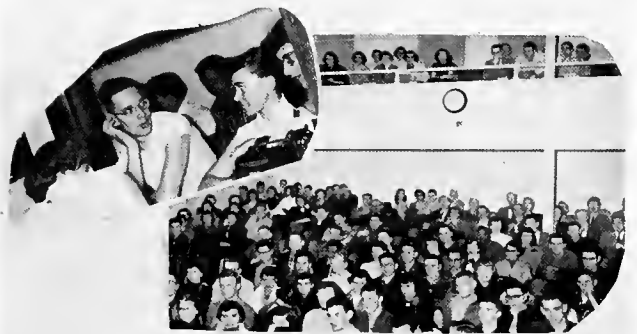
Thru the Year

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**THRU**  
**THE YEAR**





## WE DEDICATE

We, of the Ista staff, dedicate this review of a year's life here at Bluffton to the memory of one who has been dear to the heart of all those who have had the privilege of knowing her. We feel that Mrs. Mosiman was a saintly woman, whose life was a constant testimony of the love and goodness of God. From her face radiated the sense of joy and satisfaction which was deep in her heart.

For many years, she was active as a leader in the college as the wife of our former president, Dr. Mosiman. Through their efforts, the college grew into an active Christian institution, where the principles and ideals of Christ's teachings became the sound basis of higher education.

It was with great humility and adoration that we paid our last respects to her on December 17, 1953, and though she is with us no longer in person, her memory will be ever with us, and her life will stand before us as a challenge to the highest and finest in Christian living.

# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

- 11—Frosh arrive!!! Greeted by big brothers, big sisters and tests.
- 12—Frosh introduced to Nicky.
- 13—Hike to cabin—food, fellowship, and inspiration.
- 14—Upperclassmen arrive!!! Campus jumps!!! All college sing with Simmons pantomining.
- 15—**Registration**—confusion, conflicts, exasperating line, slim billfolds . . . Fellows serenade under Lincoln Hall Windows.
- 16—**Sophs initiate Frosh**??? Green caps bestowed—party ends at graveyard.
- 17—Classes begin—grind is on.
- 18—Physicals—no one escapes bottles . . . Formal mixer—"Will you sign my card?"
- 19—First football game at Heidelberg—Beavers downed; spectators drowned.
- 22—Girls return serenading compliment to fellows.
- 25—Damp weather didn't dampen spirits for the Rec Club hayride.
- 26—Fans welcome Beavers for first home game.
- 27—**Project**—"Gary, who borrowed the dining hall tables and chairs?"

## OCTOBER

- 9—"Dixie" motorists perturbed as Beaver rooters snake dance to village square.
- 10—**Migration day**—Beavers invade Olivet—picnic delayed while Ernie takes "short-cut" with food.







13—**Overexposure of "Doc" capturing Stucky**  
—disheartened seniors journey to Cleveland—take in "The Robe" and the Ice Capades . . . Juniors hold celebration party—Who put Mast's Crosley in the lib???

15—Hymnaries missing from Chapel—alarm clocks arouse chapel sleepers—Lantz wishes students would grow up.

16—Tyroliers entertain in first of concert series—imitations of yodels echoed by "Sis" and "Phyl", to the woe of suffering student body.

20—"Dum, dee dum dum," St. Doc and Spark Friday present Junior Class version of Dragnet, in the case of the disappearing seniors.

24—**Homecoming** — Queen "Toog" reigns, Beavers victorious, Frosh "slipped."

25—Winfield Fretz speaker at Parent's Day Vesper services—Choir makes debut.

31—**Rec Club**—Hallowe'en hilarity in lobby.

## NOVEMBER

2—Reisman Trio concert—fellows occupy front rows.

3—"Bish" bosses **B. C. clean-up**—aching backs forgotten in "square gaming" fun.

5—Prexy celebrates his ? birthday in dining hall.

10—Weber presents conditions in Korea in first of lecture series.

12—500 high school students invade campus to investigate possible careers.

13—Friday—nothing happened!

14—Skating party at Findlay had its "ups and downs."





15-20—Bible Lecture Week—Zeigler inspires campus and community . . . Board of Trustees meet; a privilege to have them dine with us.

21—**Sadie Hawkins Day**—girls show true female instincts—boom on marriage licenses.

25-29—Thanksgiving vacation.

30—First basketball game of season—Bluffton defeats Giffin.

## DECEMBER

2-7—General Conference wheels meet—strange men and brief cases seen on campus.

8—**According to Tradition**, Frosh girls decorate the evergreen for Lincoln Hall lobby.

9—David Bar-Illan, Israeli musician, demonstrates technique at keyboard.

10—Sherwood Eddie lectures on the "Lost Secret of Life".

11—Packed gym thrilled by big game, big man, and big score, as "Bevo" and Company turn back Beavers.

12—**Home Ec. candy making**—"Lou, do we eat this?"

13—Choral Society presents 57th rendition of the Messiah—our own Don Neuen is baritone soloist.

14—**Santa Claus makes annual appearance** at B. C. dorms—girls have hilarious program; fellows end their party by serenading girls with Christmas carols.

15—Mrs. Mosiman, Mother of College, passes away.



Marriage Bureau





17—Mrs. Mosiman's funeral—Vesper Choir honored by the request to sing her favorite selections . . . **Annual Christmas banquet, play, and Christmas caroling.**

18—Christmas vacation begins . . . Thirteen days of hard work—sleeping, eating, and more sleeping.

## JANUARY

5—Weary vacationers return—three successful Lincolmites flash "rocks"; Gratz, Tinsler, and Ater.

6—Suhweil slides on slippery sidewalk—damages: arm broken, ice cracked.

8—Registration—refer back to Sept. 15 . . . In evening the Beavers and Beaverettes take to water in the Findlay pool.

9—**Saturday—"What! Soup today?"**

12—Flash—Beavers score in three digits for first time of season as we "squeeze" past Cedarville 103-46.

13—Dr. Jesse Zeigler, prominent psychologist and speaker, returned to B. C. campus upon request, for lectures and counseling.

15—Chicago fellows from Bethany Seminary play our "All Stars" in a basketball game—followed by an informal reception in S.C.A. room.

16—**Skating party**—wanted: one pillow for Harry Weibel.

22—Bluffton subdues Wilberforce 2 to 0—ticket window rushed for refunds by disappointed fans as opponents fail to show.

14—S.C.A. presents National Y.M.C.A. service at First Mennonite Church.

27-29—Ugh!!! exams.

## FEBRUARY

1-3—More exams . . . **On evening of 3rd much exuberance felt among students!!!**





- 4—Students reluctantly begin new semester  
—new books opened for last time until  
second semester exams.
- 5—**Bake night**—proof that fellows too, can  
bake cakes, (if they use ready mix).
- 6—Those delicious baked goods were sold  
at Niswander Implement Store for bene-  
fit of S.C.A. (this is not a paid adver-  
tisement).
- 9—**"Gay Nineties"**—"orchids" to the faculty  
for a grand evening of fun, frolic and  
entertainment.
- 11—Girls reveal secret "sweethearts" at  
Sweetheart Sis party.
- 13—Rec Club throws Sat. night musical  
variety show, also "folk gaming" and  
"bunnie hopping".
- 14—"Be my Valentine!"
- 15—"Ike" has appendectomy.
- 15-17—Rev. J. N. Smucker challenges B.C.  
students during Peace Institute.
- 18—High school fans mob campus as their  
tournaments begin.
- 19—**Caught**—Mrs. Dean breaking into kitch-  
en, ("accidentally" having locked her-  
self out).
- 21—School of Missions—college students  
guests at pot luck supper and service.
- 26-28—**Leap Week**—a reverse on phone  
calls, from Lincoln to Ropp . . . Effects:  
females with flattened wallets and more  
respect for male position.
- 27—S.C.A. collects clothes for relief.



## MARCH

- 12—Schnittke, tenor soloist, presents final concert of the year.
- 13-14—Vesper Choir makes trip to Hoosier State.
- 19, 20—**Jr. Class Play**, "The Late Christopher Bean", a big success . . . **Stop!! that's enough.**
- 27—Spring Banquet . . . Founders Hall turns into an oasis for the "Desert Song".

## APRIL

- 10—**Men dig out debris** for gals to see their neat rooms.
- 14—S.C.A. Banquet—new officers installed.
- 16-18—Easter vacation.
- 24—Women attempt to "outclean" men and invite them in for inspection.
- 29—**Clean up day—campus gets spring face lifting.**
- 30—Death of Ray Hilty.

## MAY

- 5—Work day—money goes for college cabin.
- 7-9—Vesper Choir travels to eastern Ohio—Lantz's final words, "Easy on the Swiss lifting."
- 29—All college picnic—weather permitting.
- 31—Finals begin.

## JUNE

- 4—Finals end, "hurrah!"
- 5—College alumni return for May Day Festivities.
- 6—Baccalaureate.
- 7—College Commencement.
- All you Beavers hibernate** for the summer—see you next fall!



## CHAPEL

A constant source of strength for our lives are the daily chapel services. This year, there were services by students, ministers of the surrounding communities, and others who were on the campus for various types of meetings. Outstanding in these chapel services was the challenging message of our President each week.

College church is a religious organization for college students by college students. It meets on Sunday evenings at six o'clock in the Lincoln Hall lobby. Its main purpose is to enrich the spiritual life here on campus. The executive committee strives to plan a variety of programs that will appeal to different students, but at the same time, be a spiritual blessing to all who attend.

## COLLEGE CHURCH



## BIBLE LECTURES

A spiritual highlight of this year was the week of Bible Lectures in November, with Edward K. Zeigler, B.D., D.D. as the speaker. Dr. Zeigler is the Director of Evangelism in the Church of the Brethren, Elgin, Illinois. In the evening series at the First Mennonite Church, he spoke on the prophet, Jeremiah. In the morning series in the chapel, his thoughts centered about how "Christ Changes Life".



## CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

Another high point in our college career was the Christian Life Week held from April 30 to May 2. Dr. Harold Gross was the speaker. He is at present the Dean of Freeman Junior College, Freeman, South Dakota. Our lives were enriched and our minds challenged by the thoughts which he presented to us.



## PEACE INSTITUTE

Rev. J. N. Smucker, pastor of the Woodlawn Mennonite Church, Chicago, Illinois and editor of "The Mennonite", challenged the student body with messages on the meaning, price and implications of the pacifist position of the Christian. There were five meetings from February 15 through 17—three evening services and two in chapel.





# CONCERT SERIES


Another fine series of musical performances was greatly appreciated by all who were able to attend the Concert Series of Bluffton College this year. We are very fortunate in having such first-rate musicians come to our campus. The faculty and friends of the community who are interested may buy season tickets. The admission fee of the students is included in the Activity Fee paid at the beginning of the year.

This year's program included the following: "The Tyroliers"—fourteen young natives of the Tyrol performing their native folk songs and dances; the Reisman Trio—three sisters performing chamber music on the piano, violin, and cello; David Bar-Illan—brilliant young Israeli pianist; and Glen Schnittke—one of the country's leading tenor singers of oratorios and concert works.

BLUFFTON COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES  
FOUNDERS HALL  
**OCTOBER 16, 1953**  
EIGHT O'CLOCK

Adults	Season Tickets	Tickets on sale at Sidney's Drug Store, Hagenstein's	Adults	Admission
High School	12.00	Drug Company, Music Hall and at Founders Hall	High School	4.25
Grade School	11.00	on October 16th at 7:00 P.M.	Grade School	4.00

*Charles Kettles* presents



## THE TYROLIERS

LOWELL THOMAS says: *The most refreshing thing in the entertainment line that I have seen in a long time — a show that makes audiences whoop and holler and appeals to people of all ages.*



## The REISMAN Trio

"GLAMOUR,  
VITALITY  
AND  
INCREDIBLE  
SKILL"



BLUFFTON COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES  
**NOVEMBER 2, 1953**  
RAMSEYER CHAPEL  
EIGHT O'CLOCK

**David Bar-Illan**  
PIANIST

Wednesday Eve., Dec. 9

Brilliant young Israeli pianist who made his debut there at the age of 10. He came to the United States where he graduated from the Julliard School of Music. Here he won a concerto contest and in '51 he was proclaimed winner of the YMHA Artists Award. He has concertized in Canada and England.

RAMSEYER CHAPEL

Single  
Admission  
**\$1.00**  
75

Tickets may be secured at Sidney's Drug Shop, Hagenstein Drug Co., and Music Hall. Season and single tickets may also be purchased before the Tenorist Co. opens.



# **SPORTS**





# MEN'S VARSITY "B"

The Men's Varsity "B" is an organization for men who have won a Varsity "B" letter in any sport. Participation in half of the possible divisions in competition is necessary for winning a letter.

The Varsity "B" conducts Homecoming activities, intramural basketball and volleyball, and sells concessions at all football, basketball and tournament games. The money received from concessions is used for either equipment for athletic teams or other equipment on campus. This year, and in following years, the men will receive jackets to show that they belong to Varsity "B".

Officers for the year were: Jim Oliver, president; Ken Bishop, vice president; Jim Bishop, secretary; John Moser, treasurer.



**Back row:** John Rogers, James Bishop, James Oliver, John Moser, Earl Campbell, Paul Jackson, Curtis Sprunger, John Basinger. **Third row:** Kenneth Bishop, Richard Yeck, Stan Naylor, Ernest Neufeld, John Bauman, Don Neuen, Bill Stucky, Richard Cripe. **Second row:** Richard Yaussy, Gary Sprunger, Martin Strayer, James Benroth, Bruce Shelly, Sam Wilson, John Augsburger, Coach Burcky. **First row:** Orlyn Zehr, Walter Shelly, James Phillips, James Siewert, Charles Sprunger, Darrel Diller, Stanley Erney, David Tice.

# WOMEN'S VARSITY "B"

The Women's Varsity "B" is open to all women enrolled in the college who are interested in participating in sports. This weekly hour of recreation serves as a real refresher from the

daily work. The main games that are played are volley ball, basketball and softball. We find competition with the local high school teams, and teams from neighboring colleges.

This year we arranged a successful program of intramural volleyball and basketball. Members of the organizations also help in checking coats, selling refreshments and programs at various athletic events held in the gym.

The officers for the year were: president, Mary Jean Ramseyer; vice-president, Betty Shantz; secretary, Ruth Zimmerman; treasurer, Catherine Diller. Eleanor Weaver served as advisor.



**Back row:** Helen Neufeld, Martha Emerick, Margaret Groman, Geraldine Reiff. **Fifth row:** Marilyn Obney, Emma Schmutz, Connie Bachman, Phyllis Kohn, Delores Schwarzentraub. **Fourth row:** Ruth Bundy, Myriam Richardson, Marjorie Joseph, Jane Nyce, Betty Diller, Gladys Tormes. **Third row:** Dolores Emerick, June Gerber, Carolyn Augsburger, Janice Shantz, Joanne Slotter. **Second row:** Kathryn Sauder, Marilyn DeVore, Shirley Shelmadine, Carol Miller, Els Van Lier, Eleanor Bohn. **First row:** Mary Hilty, Ruth Zimmerman, Eleanor Weaver, Mary Jean Ramseyer, Betty Shantz, Jeanne Sharrock.

# COACHES



**H. W. Berky**  
Tennis Coach



**Kenneth Mast**  
Football, Basketball, Track Coach



**A. C. Burcky**  
Athletic Director, Baseball Coach

# CHEERLEADERS



**Joanne Slotter**



**Marilyn Oberly**



**Pat Hughes**

# FOOTBALL



**Back row:** Coach Mast, Stanley Naylor, James Siewert, Martin Strayer, Bob Hill, James Oliver, Earl Campbell, Harry Weibel, John Bauman, John Rogers, Richard Ramseyer. **Second row:** James Bishop, James Benroth, Kenneth Bracy, Jack Hill, Joe Collingwood, Robert Alexander, Ray Pinkerton, Richard Amstutz, Donald Baechtel, Elvan Sloan, Richard Heckathorn. **First row:** David Tice, Charles Greiner, Darrel Diller, Keith McCuen, Orlyn Zehr, Calvin Patterson, Emil Knorr, Reldon Schirch, William Orn, Octavia Knox.

The Bluffton College Beavers ended the season with a Mid-Ohio League record of 2-2, tying Findlay for second place. The over-all record of 3 wins and 4 losses was not indicative of the competitiveness and enthusiasm witnessed in each contest.

The Mastmen chalked up twelve TD's—nine of them being scored by Reldon Schirch, Jim Benroth and Joe Collingwood.

Bluffton was somewhat hindered by the "new substitution rule", but the gridder's fine, co-operative attitudes partially overcame this handicap.

Four varsity men completed their college football careers. They were Ken Bracy, Stan Naylor and our co-captains John Bauman and Jim Oliver.



# LETTERMEN



E. Knorr



E. Campbell



R. Alexander



J. Rogers



S. Naylor



J. Collingwood



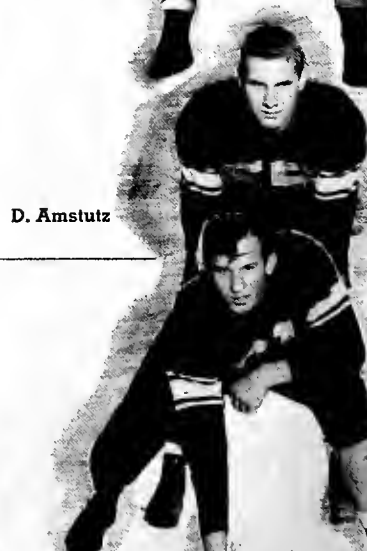
J. Oliver



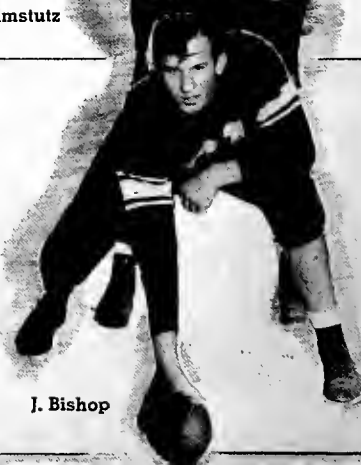
J. Siewert



H. Weibel



D. Amstutz



J. Bishop

Opp. B.C.

Heidelberg .....	6	0
Findlay .....	12	6
Alma .....	28	6
Olivet .....	13	19
Ohio Northern ....	12	19
Ashland .....	12	18
Defiance .....	12	6



J. Hill



D. Tice



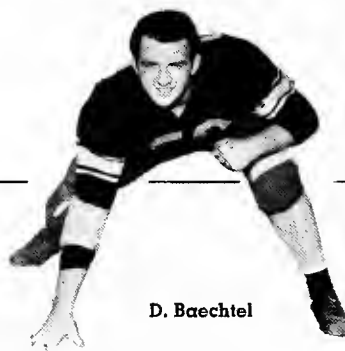
C. Patterson



R. Schirch



D. Diller



D. Baechtcl



K. Bracy



J. Bauman



J. Benroth



E. Sloan

# HOMEcoming



QUEEN

Helen Clemens



ATTENDANTS

Martha Kraft

Dorothy Young





# 1953



Behind The Scenes



The Big Moment



The Queen Reigns



Yo Ho Heave Ho



And Now—  
On With The Show



Beavers  
Gnaw-w-w!!!



### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L
1. Defiance.....	4	0
2. Bluffton.....	2	2
3. Findlay.....	2	2
4. Ohio Northern ..	1	3
5. Ashland.....	1	3

### TOUCHDOWNS

R. Schirch .....	4
J. Benroth .....	3
J. Collingwood .....	2
J. Hill .....	1
E. Sloan .....	1
R. Alexander .....	1



# BASKETBALL



**Back row:** Joe Collingwood, Vernon Wearly, John Moser, Paul Jackson, James Bishop, Coach Mast.  
**Front row:** John Augsburger, Richard Cripe, Sam Wilson, James Benroth, Charles Greiner, Bill Orn.

This season the Beavers completed their schedule with a proud 11-8 record. Bluffton's 5-4 Mid-Ohio league record earned us a runner-up trophy, which was presented after the thrilling Findlay game.

Highlighting the season was the Rio Grande game played before a capacity crowd of 2500 in Founders Hall. Bevo Francis added enthusiasm and interest by netting 82 points.

The Mast men broke the previous College records with 103 points against Cedarville. Topping this record the Cagers scored 111

points when playing Ashland. Both of these games were played on the home floor.

The Beavers won the Wilberforce game on a 2-0 forfeit.

The highest individual scorer for a single game was Joe Collingwood with 35 points at Huntington. Close behind was Bill Orn, scoring 31 points against Huntington on the home court.

Paul Jackson and Sam Wilson completed their fourth year of Varsity basketball as the season ended.

# LETTERMEN



"Jack"



"Sammy"



"Benny"



"Ex"



"Augsi"



"Bish"



"Dick"



"Vern"



"Bill"



"Joe"



Augsi sets!

### Individual Scoring Totals

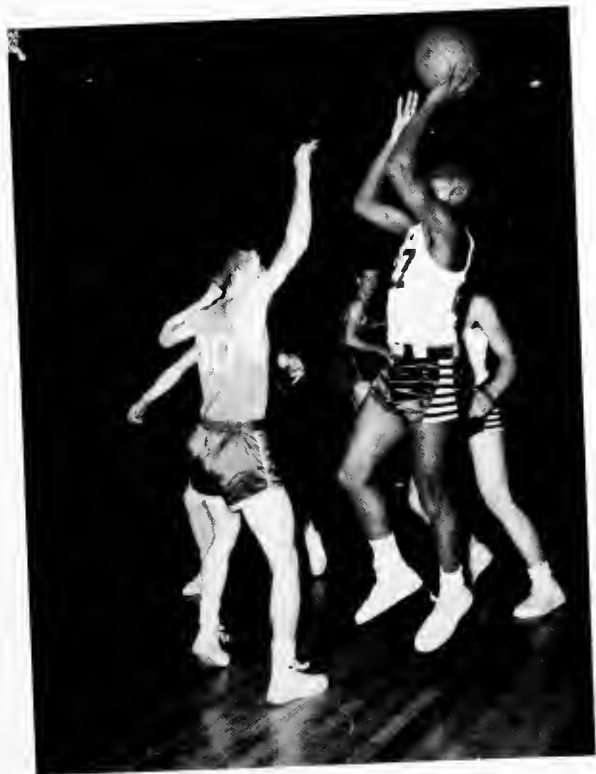
Collingwood	....329
Orn	.....306
Augsburger	....232
Jackson	.....173
Moser	..... 85
Wearly	..... 80
Cripe	..... 68
Wilson	..... 67
J. Bishop	..... 65
Benroth	..... 38
Bailey	..... 12
Greiner	..... 10
Pinkerton	..... 4
Vandemark	.... 1

### Basketball—1953-54

	We	They
Giffin	95	53
Huntington	91	73
John Carroll	67	94
Heidelberg	62	66
Rio Grande	71	116
Ind. Tech	71	60
*Cedarville	103	46
Ind. Tech	89	77
*O.N.U.	71	70
Wilberforce	2	0
*Findlay	67	89
Heidelberg	65	59
*Cedarville	91	43
*Ashland	111	78
*O.N.U.	78	82
Central State	74	89
*Defiance	80	61
*Defiance	76	72
*Findlay	77	81
Huntington	77	85
*Ashland	—	—
* League Games		

### Mid-Ohio League Standings

	W	L	Pts.	Op.
1. Findlay	10	0	944	637
2. Bluffton	5	4	751	622
3. Defiance	5	5	695	707
4. Ashland	4	5	758	722
5. Ohio Northern	4	6	784	749
6. Cedarville	0	10	500	995



Sam scores!

# JUNIOR VARSITY



Charles Elsass, Carl Ervin, George Bailey, David Bertsche, Curtis Sprunger, Richard Heckathorn, Roger Bixel.

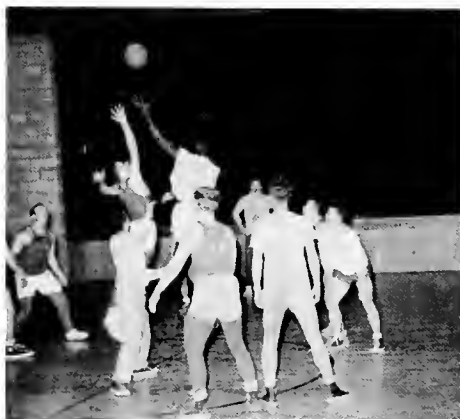
The Junior Varsity consists mainly of frosh, who finished their season with a fine record of 11 wins and 4 losses.

They tackled a strenuous schedule comprised

of college freshmen teams as well as industrial league teams.

Several of the Jay Vee stars will prove profitable to coach Mast in the future season.

## INTRAMURAL SNAPS





# TRACK



**Back row:** Ron Erney, Dick Ramseyer, Reldon Schirch, John Basinger, Stan Naylor, Dick Heckathorn, Coach Mast. **Second row:** Jon Cook, Walter Shelly, Paul Selman, Don Henderson, Dick Cripe, Dick Yeck, Martin Strayer, Jim Gundy. **Front row:** Karl Klassen, Bob Coon, George Bailey, Jim Oliver, Dave Bertsche, Earl Campbell, Elvan Sloan.

The Bluffton Track squad, Mid-Ohio League champions for three consecutive years, feel confident of repeating their past performance. Many qualified lettermen and promising freshmen will aid Coach Mast in his bid for the championship.

## Track Schedule 1954

April 8—Class meet .....here  
 April 21—Ohio Wesleyan,  
                     Western Reserve....at Wesleyan  
 April 24—Wittenberg ..... there  
 May 1—Central State .....there  
 May 8—Bowling Green Relays.....here  
 May 15—Defiance and Wilmington.....here  
 May 19—Heidelberg ..... there  
 May 22—Conference meet .....here



**Back row:** Coach H. W. Berky, Charles Sprunger, Tom Clemens, Don Bundy. **Front row:** Jim Siewert, Ted Stepleton, Joe Smucker, Jim Phillips.

## Tennis Schedule 1954

April 7—Cedarville ..... there  
 April 13—ONU ..... here  
 May 1—Wilmington ..... here  
 May 14—Conference..... at Wilmington  
 May 17—Indiana Tech .....here  
 May 24—ONU ..... there  
 Bowling Green, Indiana Tech (Unscheduled)

With the rebuilding of the tennis courts, H. W. Berky and his tennis squad will open their challenging season on April 7th. Three returning lettermen will form the groundwork upon which they will build a desirable squad.



# BASEBALL



**Back row:** Paul Jackson, Ken Bishop, Carl Ervin, Jim Benroth, Bill Stucky, Jim Bishop, Coach A. C. Burcky. **Second row:** Stan Wolf, Willie Lancaster, Emil Knorr, Bill Orn, John Augsburger, Bruce Shelly, Jerry Ruhlen. **Front row:** Charles Elsass, Jon Cook, Bill Moser, Dick Yaussy, Roger Bixel, Dave Tice, Curt Sprunger.

As the Beaver Baseball squad invades their 14 game schedule, Coach A. C. Burcky is proud to have nine returning lettermen. The Coach and team will prove worthy opponents in their 1954 Mid-Ohio League competition.

## Baseball Schedule 1954

April 7—Cedarville .....	there
April 13—ONU .....	here
April 24—Central State .....	there
April 28—Findlay .....	here
May 1—Wilmington (Double Header)...	here
May 4—Defiance .....	there
May 6—Ashland .....	here
May 10—Ashland .....	there
May 13—Findlay .....	there
May 18—Defiance .....	here
May 24—ONU .....	there
May 27—Central State .....	here
Cedarville (unscheduled) .....	here

# ACTIVITIES



# VESPER CHOIR



**Back row:** Marlin Gerber, Bob Hannah, Ernest Neufeld, Bob Coon, Curtis Sprunger, John Bauman, John Moser, Jim Bishop, Joe Smucker, Don Corfman, John Bohn, Arden Slotter, John Rogers. **Fourth row:** David Bixel, Alden Bohn, Dick Yaussy, Gary Sprunger, John Basinger, Don Neuen, Chris Litwiller, LaMar Reichert, Wilmer Sprunger, Orlyn Zehr, David Tice, Edward Schulz. **Third row:** Don Hostetler, Jim Gundy, Helen Neufeld, Ada May Oyer, Shirley Pickett, Mary Anne Bertsche, Eleanor Wismer, Elfrieda Landes,

Connie Bachman, Geraldine Reiff, Nancy Parsell, Louis Torres. **Second row:** Marjorie Yoakam, Marilyn Stedcke, Jane Nyce, Ruth Bundy, M'Della Williams, Byrna Mae Horsch, Joan Lou Clymer, Adele Bertsche, Carol Sammet, Martha Kraft, Dorothy Young, Jean Boshart. **Front row:** Carol Miller, Elnora Bear, Ruth Gilliom, Shirley Shelmadine, Anne Crabtree, Professor Russell A. Lantz, June Gerber, Marion Keeney, Joan Gratz, Mary Hilty, Jo Ann Yoder.

This has been another rewarding year for the members of the Bluffton College Vesper Choir. Under the direction of Professor Russell A. Lantz, the choir gave concerts in various churches, went on week-end tours, sang at vesper services and helped sing the "Messiah" which was given at Christmas time. They presented a program of Christmas songs during the chapel period. The men of the choir sang the "Pledge Song" as a part of the Homecoming ceremony. The choir was honored with the opportunity to sing at the funeral of our dear friend, Mrs. Mosiman. The traditional "Sanctus" was sung in behalf of the graduating class in June.

Every weekday after lunch, there was the walk to College Hall for a forty minute rehearsal. Several times there were divided rehearsals with the fellows and girls practicing separately. The experiences that each member of the choir received will never be forgotten and will enrich each life in a definite way.

The officers for the year were: president, Eleanor Wismer; secretary, Geraldine Reiff; treasurer, Dorothy Young; student director, Ada May Oyer; accompanist, Marjorie Yoakam; business manager, Don Hostetler; stage manager, John Rogers; custodian, Elfrieda Landes; reporter, Joe Smucker; librarian, Jane Nyce.



# STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is the organization on the Bluffton College campus which coordinates the activities of all student organizations on the campus, and strives to lead the student body in

achieving the ideals of the College. There are three members from each upper class and two freshmen, who are elected at the beginning of the second semester. There are several standing committees which strive to carry on the functions of the Council throughout the year. They are the Election and Special Day Committee, Faculty-Student Relations Committee, the Committee on Organizations and Freshmen Orientation Committee. Each member of the Student Council serves on one of these committees.

The officers for the year were: Alden Bohn, president; Adele Bertsche, vice-president; Joe Smucker, secretary-treasurer. The faculty members were Dr. Kreider and Professor Shetler.



**Back row:** Thomas Clemens, Prof. Shetler, Prof. Kreider, Adele Bertsche, George Bailey. **Front row:** Alden Bohn, Marjorie Ferguson, Dorothy Young, Arden Slotter, Joe Smucker, Eleanor Bohn, Eleanor Wismer.



# JUNIOR PI DELTA



**Back row:** Ann Shumaker, John Basinger. **Front row:** Betty Bauman, Ruth Bundy, Catherine Diller, Richard Yaussy, John Bauman, Dorothy Young, Arden Slotter, Eleanor Wismer.

The Pi Delta Society was established to promote high standards of scholarship in an honorary scholastic society. The Junior Pi Delta is a part of the society to which students may belong while in residence, provided they meet the scholastic standards required for membership in the senior society.

A group of students representing both the

fellows and girls living in the dormitories of Bluffton College are elected by the residents of the Houses to serve on the House Councils of Ropp Hall and Lincoln Hall. Theirs is the responsibility to see that the dorms are made as much like "home" as possible. There are separate Christmas parties and the biggest event of the year—Open House.

## HOUSE COUNCILS



**Back row:** James Benroth, David Bertsche, Earl Campbell, John Moser, James Oliver, Kenneth Bishop. **Third row:** Charles Sprunger, James Bishop, Ernest Neufeld, Don Hostetler, Walter Shelly, David Tice. **Second row:** Vera Petry, Jane Nyce, Eleanor Wismer, Byrna Mae Horsch, Peg Slotter, Betty Shantz. **Front row:** Eleanor Bohn, Mrs. Plank, Miss Edna Ramseyer, Dorothy Bowers, JoAnn Yoder.





## STUDENTS ON FACULTY COMMITTEES

**Back row:** Mary Jean Ramseyer, Carol Sammet, Peg Slotter, Eleanor Wismer. **First row:** Earl Campbell, Dorothy Young, Byrna Mae Horsch, Stanley Naylor, Mary Anne Bertsche, James Oliver.

Students are nominated each year by the Student Council to serve on the faculty committees and from this group the faculty elects those who will serve. The student members on these various committees have a voting position and are regular members. Working together in this way aids the student-faculty relationships on the campus and also helps the students to understand and appreciate the organization and problems of the college more clearly. It also benefits the faculty because they can better understand the opinions of the

students on the various issues involved.

Twenty-six upperclassmen have given valuable assistance this past year in a new plan for helping new students to solve educative, social, and religious problems associated with campus living. As part of the counselling program, Big Brothers and Big Sisters cooperated with the Personnel Committee and faculty counsellors, chiefly to establish freshmen and the new students as part of the college family, and to adjust them to college life and work.



## BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS

**Back row:** James Benroth, John Bauman, John Moser, James Oliver, Stanley Naylor. **Third row:** Walter Shelly, James Phillips, John Bohn, Mary Anne Bertsche, Eleanor Wismer, M'Della Williams. **Second row:** Orlyn Zehr, Martha Kraft, Byrna Mae Horsch, Dorothy Young, Betty Bauman, Ann Shumaker. **First row:** Ernest Neufeld, Betty Shantz, Carol Sammet, Don Hostetler, Peg Slotter, Charles Sprunger.

# SCA CABINET

The Student Christian Association coordinates the various activities on the campus through its commissions, which are the Gospel Teams, Recreation and Peace Commissions, and the

International Relations Club, which has just become a member this year.

The SCA Cabinet is composed of officers elected by all members of S.C.A., committee chairmen, and a representative from each of the commissions. The duty of the cabinet is to lead the organization in its activities.

Some of the outstanding activities of the SCA this year were relief drives, WUS drive, sending students to week-end work camps and conferences, and providing interesting meetings twice a month to help meet the needs and problems of the students.



**Back row:** Charles Sprunger, John Bauman, Dr. Paul Shelly. **Second row:** James Phillips, Richard Yaussy, Ruth Bundy, Mary Anne Bertsche, Adele Bertsche, Bruce Shelly, Miss Edna Ramseyer, LaMar Reichert, Martha Kraft. **First row:** Joan Lou Clymer, Joan Gratz, Peg Slotter, Betty Bauman.

# PEACE CLUB

In the midst of world tension and strife that is apparent in our modern world, it has been with much enthusiasm and success that the Peace Club has progressed throughout the year.

Organized as a commission under the Student Christian Association, the Peace Club provides a means through which all interested students and faculty may meet to study and discuss problems relative to attaining peace—careful attention being given to Christ's teachings of peace and love.

Through chapel speakers, our annual Peace Institute, and other special meetings, the interests of the club are extended to the entire student body. The Peace Club sponsors deputation in the churches of the surrounding area. Our quartet, consisting of Ruth Gilliom, Joan Gratz, John Bauman and Arden Slotter, has been very active in this work.

Officers were elected as follows: John Bauman, president; John Bohn, vice-president and program chairman; Don Bundy, secretary-treasurer; Dot Young, chairman of campus affairs; Mr. Robert Kreider, advisor.



**Back row:** James Siewert, Joe Smucker, Jeffrey Allinger, David Bertsche, Calvin Graber, Johannes Hensel, Arden Slotter. **Fourth row:** Wallace Yoder, Thomas Blackburn, James Miller, Byrna Mae Horsch, Mary Ann Bertsche, LaMar Reichert, Karl Klassen. **Third row:** James Gundy, Myriam Richardson, Helen Neufeld, Els Van Lier, Joan Gratz, Peg Slotter, Don Hostetler. **Second row:** Ruth Gilliom, Marilyn Obney, Eleanor Bohn, Carol Miller, Shirley Shelmadine, Marion Keeney, Betty Shantz. **First row:** Orlyn Zehr, Dorothy Young, John Bauman, John Bohn, Don Bundy, John Moser.

# RECREATION CLUB

The purpose of the Recreation Club is to plan and provide for wholesome activities in which all students may participate in order to refresh their minds and bodies as well as assist in the development of good physical, mental and soc-

ial life. It plans many parties throughout the year including Sadie Hawkins Day, skating parties, swimming parties, and folk game parties. Transportation is provided to games by the club. We also participate in planning the an-

nual spring banquet. Funds for these numerous activities are obtained from a portion of the student activity fund, holiday fines, sale of programs at basketball tourneys and admittance tickets.

This year's officers were: president, Joan Lou Clymer; vice-president, Ken Bishop; secretary-treasurer, Jean Boshart; publicity chairman, Marjorie Ferguson; foods chairman, Catherine Diller; and transportation chairman, Tom Blackburn.



**Back row:** William Stucky, Ted Diller, Calvin Graber, Paul Jackson, Richard Yeck, John Augsburger. **Second row:** Ruth Bundy, Jean Boshart, Martha Emerick, Joan Lou Clymer, James Siewert, Shirley Shelmadine, Emily Bertsche, Catherine Diller. **First row:** Vera Petry, Mary Hilty, Marjorie Ferguson, Connie Bachman, Kenneth Bishop, Mary Jean Ramseyer, Dick Cripe, JoAnn Yoder, Donald Corfman, Thomas Blackburn.



# MEN'S GOSPEL TEAM

Wilmer Sprunger  
Fred Hoenicke  
Bob Coon  
Martin Strayer



Twenty years ago three students, realizing the need for an organization that would strengthen the spiritual lives of those on campus, founded the Men's Gospel Team. During the first few years the members conducted services in area churches and churches in surrounding states.

In cooperation with the Women's Gospel Team, the men's organization sponsors monthly programs at various Lima institutions such as the Children's Home, the T. B. Sanatorium, the Old Folks' Home and the Rescue Mission.

This year the older of the two quartets visited congregations in both Pennsylvania and Canada. The newly organized quartet presented programs in various midwestern communities.

Those who directed the activities of the year were: president, Charles Sprunger; vice president, Ronald Goodwill; and secretary-treasurer, David Bixel.

John Basinger  
Charles Sprunger  
La Mar Reichert  
David Bixel



**Back row:** Thomas Scoby, Frederick Hoenicke, Ronald Krehbiel, George Bailey, John Basinger.  
**Second row:** Marlin Gerber, Wilmer Sprunger, Chris Litwiller, Robert Coon, Martin Strayer, David Bixel, LaMar Reichert. **Front row:** Isaac Qutub, Ernest Neufeld, Charles Sprunger, Walter Shelly, Ronald Goodwill, Dr. Paul Shelly.

# WOMEN'S GOSPEL TEAM

The Women's Gospel Team is an organization designed to give its members an opportunity for Christian fellowship, discussion and service.

At the semi-monthly meetings, problems are discussed which are pertinent to us as Christians and as students. Outside speakers are invited in at various points in the year to bring us added inspiration and challenge.

Deputation work plays an important role in the organization. Groups of students are sent to surrounding hospitals and institutions to pre-

sent the Gospel in word and in song. The Gospel Team Quartet presented programs in several of the local churches throughout the year and at Christmas time made a trip to Illinois and Indiana. A spiritual blessing is received by all who participate in this Christian service.

The officers for the year were: president, Betty Bauman; vice president, Harvella Stutzman; secretary-treasurer, Jane Nyce; deputation chairman, Eileen Myers; program chairman, Harvella Bauman. The advisor for the group was Mrs. Lloyd L. Ramseyer.



**Back row:** Delores Schwarzentraub, Dorothy Young, Eileen Myers, JoAnn Yoder, Helen Neufeld, Barbara Diller. **Third row:** Betty Diller, Ann Crabtree, Carol Sammet, Harvella Stutzman, Shirley Shelmadine, Geraldine Reiff, Carol Miller, Eleanor Bohn, June Gerber. **Second row:** Ada May Oyer, Rosemary Andrews, Elfrieda Landes, Betty Brown, Els Van Lier, Marion Keeney. **First row:** Phyllis Kohn, Betty Bauman, Jane Nyce, Marilyn Obney, Marilyn Stedcke, Carolyn Augsburg. Shirley Shelmadine, Carol Miller, Helen Neufeld, Marion Kerney.

# HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Club is a part of the state and national Home Economic Associations. Its membership is open to any student who is enrolled in college and interested in be-

coming a better member of her home and community.

Special activities of the year include making candy at Christmas time, various demonstrations at club meetings and an annual trip to one of the larger cities within a reasonable distance. On this trip we include places of interest that will increase our knowledge in the trends of home economics today.

The officers for the year were: president, Lucille Shrock; vice president, Dorothy Bowers; and the secretary-treasurer, Ruth Gilliom. Ruth Bundy was the program chairman and Miss Edna Ramseyer served as our faculty advisor.



**Back row:** Miss Edna Ramseyer, Dotty Bowers, Lucille Shrock, Ruth Bundy. **First row:** Jean Boshart, Ruth Gilliom, Mary Hilty, Marjorie Joseph, Carol Sammet, Jeanne Sharrock.



# SCIENCE CLUB

In accordance with the constitution of the Science Club, the aims of the group are to increase the knowledge and perfect the skills in science. By realizing the importance of these principles we can better serve our community, nation and our God.

We meet every other Tuesday evening. Topics are presented by faculty members and stu-

dents. Demonstrations of scientific data and laws are an important part of the meetings. We have also attempted to make the rest of the student body aware of scientific discoveries by means of a bulletin board. Projects in the science laboratories are encouraged. In the spring a field trip was made to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. Even a weekend trip is not enough to take in all that is displayed and demonstrated there.

Officers of the club were: president, Sam Wilson; vice president, Thomas Blackburn; secretary-treasurer, Betty Bauman. Dr. Richard Weaver was our faculty advisor.



**Back row:** David Tice, Prof. Moon, John Bauman. **Third row:** John Rogers, Stanley Hunter, Robert Steiner, Sam Wilson. **Second row:** Donald Corlman, William Jensen, Wallace Yoder, Alton Shelly, Don Hostetler. **First row:** Robert Earl, Willis Lancaster, Betty Bauman, Myriam Richardson, Rosemary Andrews, Prof. Berkly.

# COMMERCE CLUB

The Commerce Club is an organization through which business majors and other interested students can meet for informal gatherings outside the classroom to discuss the opportunities and problems of the present day business world.

Meetings are held every other Tuesday night with a variety of programs. Movies showing

the different phases of business are shown. Men already in business are invited to tell us of the opportunities in business and of the problems involved. From time to time the group takes trips to business firms to see business in action.

This organization enables the students and local merchants to become better acquainted with each other, thus setting up a friendly relationship between the two groups.

Those students holding down the managing angle this year were: president, Paul Jackson; vice president, James Benroth; secretary-treasurer, Eileen Myers; program chairman, Richard Yaussy. Our faculty advisor was Dr. Howard Raid.



**Back row:** Paul Jackson, Sam Diller, Herman Kear, Johannes Hensel, James Benroth. **Third row:** Richard Yaussy, Marlin Gerber, Don Bundy, John Augsburg, La Mar Reichert, Bruce Shelly. **Second row:** Stanley Naylor, William Stucky, Richard Yeck, Dick Cripe, James Marshall, Don Neuen. **First row:** Gary Sprunger, Bernell Slabaugh, Eileen Myers, Theda Wollman, Edward Schulz, Dr. Raid.

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The International Relations Club is an active organization on campus which plays an especially important role in our world of crisis and fear. It functions through group discussions

that are usually led by members of the club. A great deal is added to the interest of the group by having several of our foreign students as members. Included in these is the president,

Naimeh Mukarkar, whose home is in Jordan. This allows us to receive first-hand reports of conditions in these countries.

By studying the social, political, and economical phases of other countries we can help to bring about a better understanding between the nations. The club is affiliated with the American International Relations Club and this year became a commission of the Bluffton College Student Christian Association.



**Back row:** Isaac Qutub, Stanley Hunter, Thomas Blackburn, John Rogers, Dr. Kreider, Johannes Hensel, Darnell Thomas, Ronald Krehbiel. **First row:** Martha Kraft, Els Van Lier, Gladys Tormes, Naimeh Mukarkar, Shirley Sheldmadine, Dorothy Garwood, Betty Brown.



EDITOR—CAROL SAMMET

Serving as the publication for the student body of Bluffton College, the **Witmarsum** has as its goal to keep its readers informed of college affairs. This is done by promoting thinking on the aspects of civic, social, and religious areas of campus living. This publication also has a wide circulation among alumni, and friends of the college.

The staff members are students who are interested in journalism and they have worked hard to carry out their journalistic endeavors. Each member revealed an ability to write, manage or edit according to the highest standards.

The motto of the college could also be stated as the motto of the **Witmarsum**: "Ye Shall Know The Truth, and the Truth Shall Make You Free".



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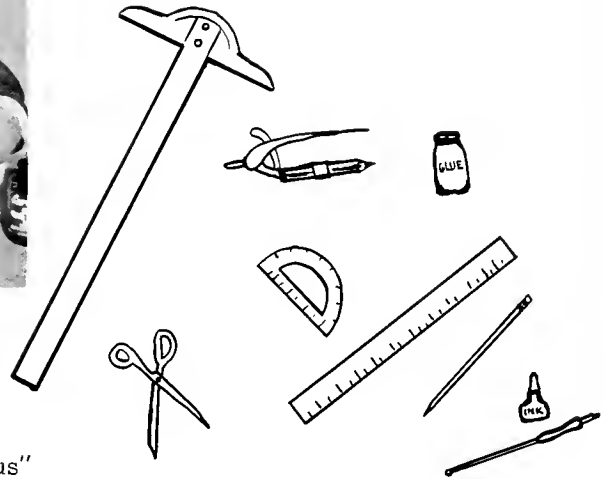
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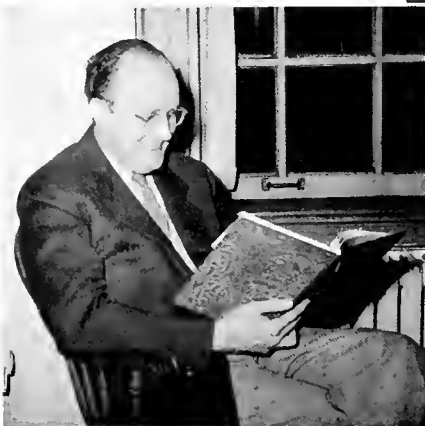


Making the 1954 Ista the "Eye of the Campus" has been our goal this year. We have tried to give B.C. as **You** lived it. The staff will well remember the fun of "Istaing" as well as the burned midnight oil—the late term papers and flubbed-up pop-quizzes—the mental anguish and furious pasting as the all-too-regular deadlines came due—the frantic pleading for pictures and so on—. But it was fun and if we have served to record in picture, the life of '53 and '54 for future reminiscing, it was time well spent.

Our thanks to our many, many willing help-

ers. First to our loyal editorial staff who bore our greenness so nobly—to Sparky and his business staff who provided the where-with-all—to Mr. Kreider, our advisor, for his moral support—to Mr. Gerber of the Neu-Art Studio for his cooperation with our pictures—to Jim Gray of The Gray Printing Company for his patient counsel and advice—and to anyone else who helped—a big thank-you!

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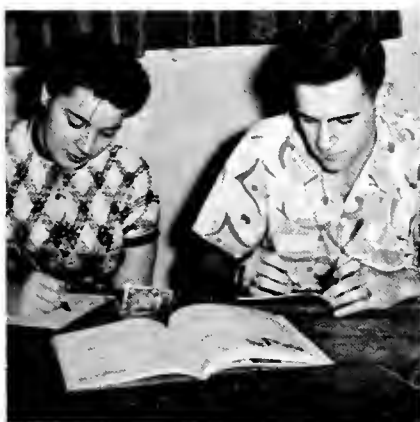
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Four years of fun and achievement! Looking ahead in September, 1950, the end seemed a long way off, but now looking back, our own initiation seems but yesterday.

Reviewing the past four years, we remember the frustrated confusion of orientation, the shock of the first six weeks grades (we then began to study), the scented Riley at Homecoming, numerous sports events and parties. We also remember the many serious moments inspired by Chapel, Bible Lectures, and Christian Life Week speakers. We remember the class play of our junior year—"George Washington Slept Here", editing the Ista and especially the sleepless night of September 29. Highlighting our senior year was our memorable trip to Cleveland to see "The Robe" and the "Ice Capades".

Now as we step out on the threshold of a new life in which many of us will be scattered over various parts of the earth, we know that we shall never forget the friends at Bluffton College and the many valuable experiences we had here.



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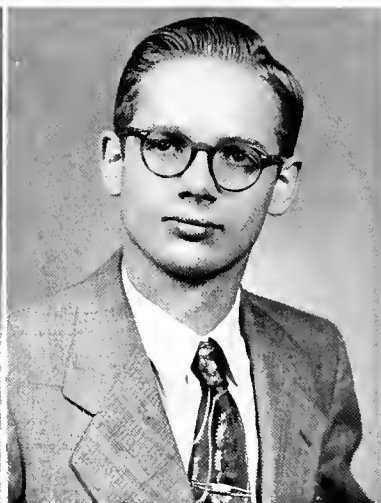
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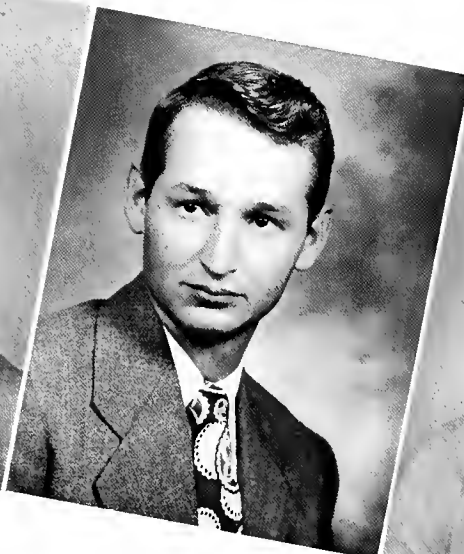
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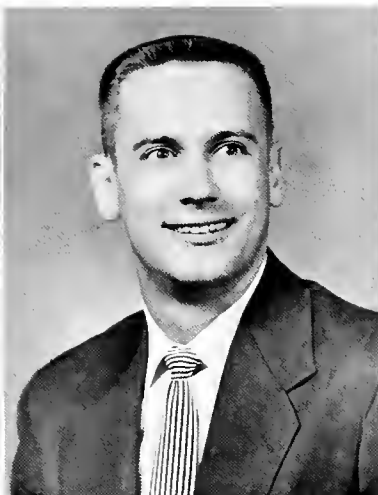
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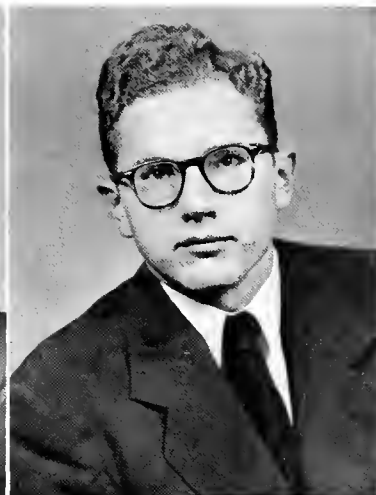
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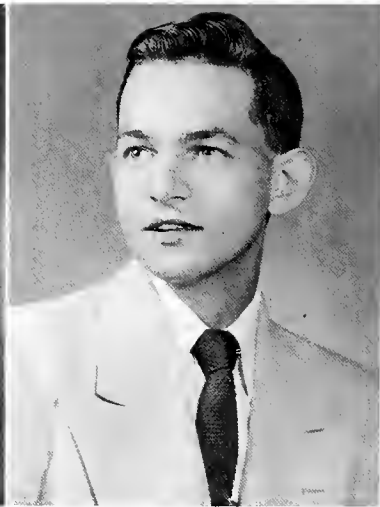
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# WHO'S WHO

**Back row:** Richard Yaus-  
sy, Betty Bauman. **Front**  
**row:** Dorothy Young, John  
Bauman, Arden Slotter,  
Martha Kraft.



The names of six seniors of Bluffton College were added to the 1953-54 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges". The number of students to be entered is a definite quota according to the size of the school. This honor is given to the students who have shown outstanding qualities in leadership, citizenship, scholarship and promise of future service by faculty and administration selection from nominations of the student council.

The six chosen this year were Betty Bauman, John Bauman, Martha Kraft, Arden Slotter, Richard Yaussey, and Dorothy Young. They

have all been active in many extra-curricular activities throughout their years as students here, as well as maintaining a high scholastic standard in all their curricular work.

This year Betty was president of the Women's Gospel Team. Martha was president of the Student Christian Association this year. Arden was president of the Peace Club last year and was an active member of the Student Council this year. John was president of Peace Club this year. He and Dot were co-editors of the Ista last year while Dick was business manager. We of the Ista staff wish you continued success as you leave these halls of learning.

# MAY DAY

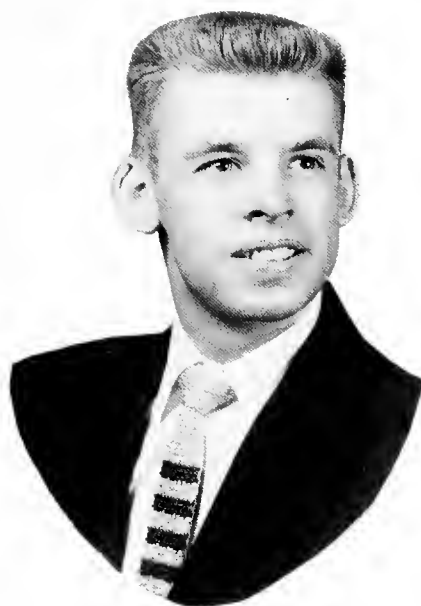


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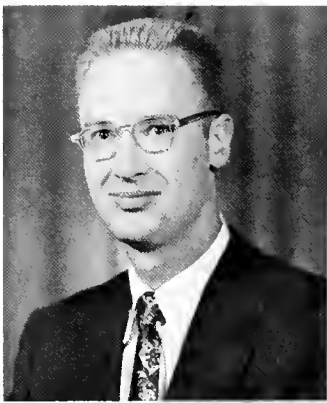
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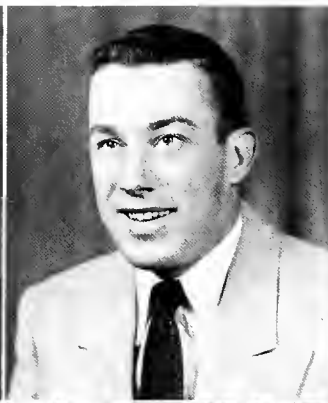
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Vice President

After two full years at B.C. we came back to school in Sept. ready to put in another year. It has proved to be a very challenging and profitable one. Our number is small, and we felt it one day last fall—until "Doc" saved us from oblivion by gallantly catching the seniors in their attempt to sneak. Thanks, Doc!

The main task of the class was to put out the Ista. With the cooperation of everyone, this task was a challenging and satisfying one. In March, the class presented the three act comedy, "The Late Christopher Bean." We are looking forward to our Senior year and are sure it will be full of many more rich experiences in our B.C. career.



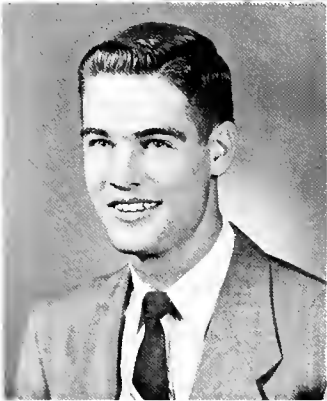
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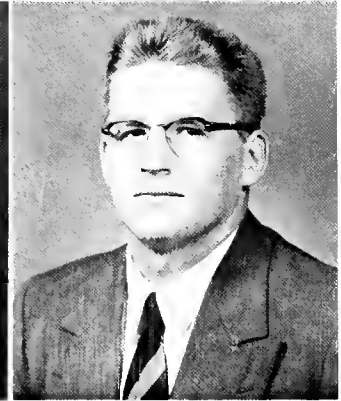
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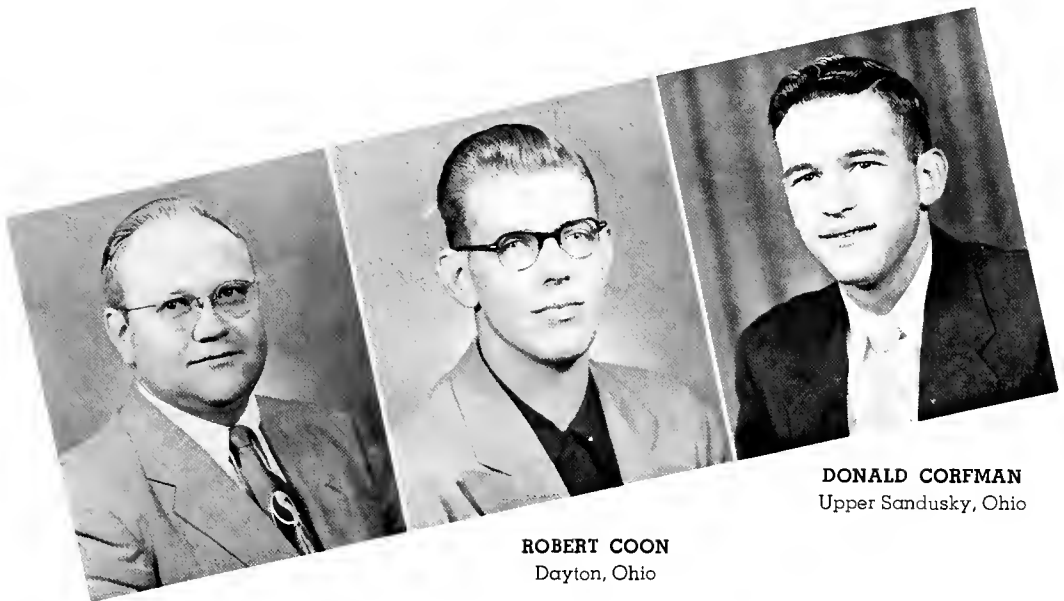
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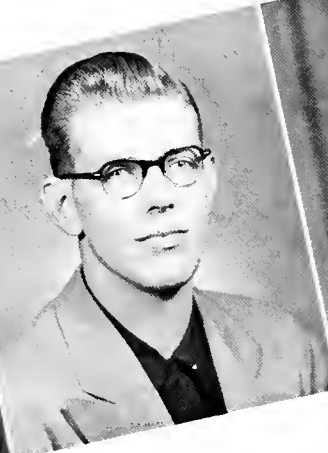
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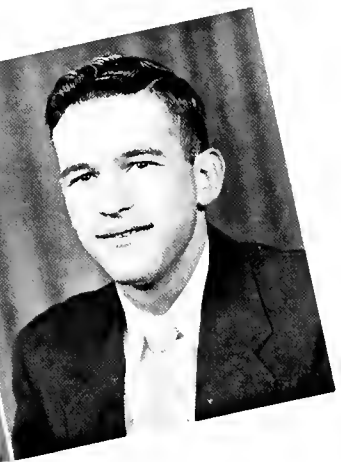
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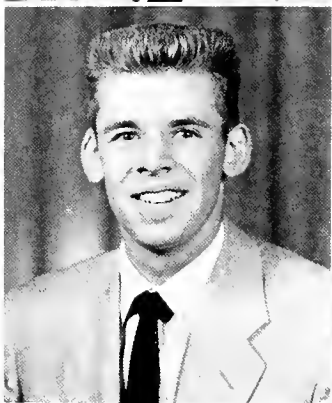
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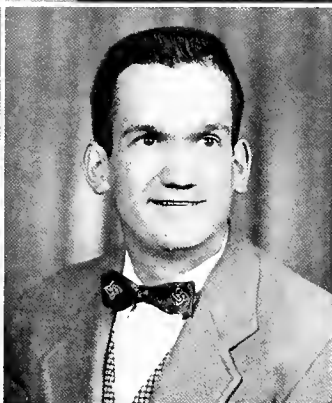
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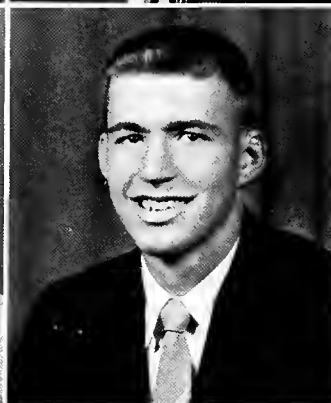
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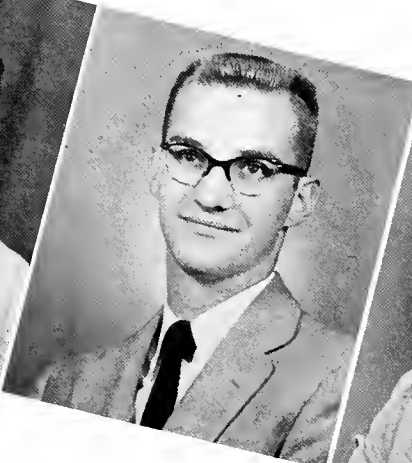
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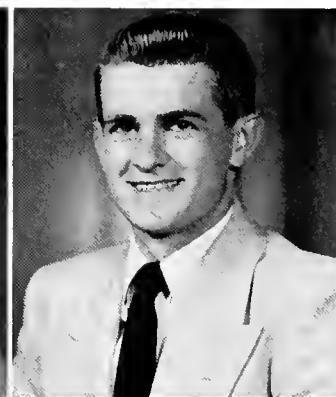




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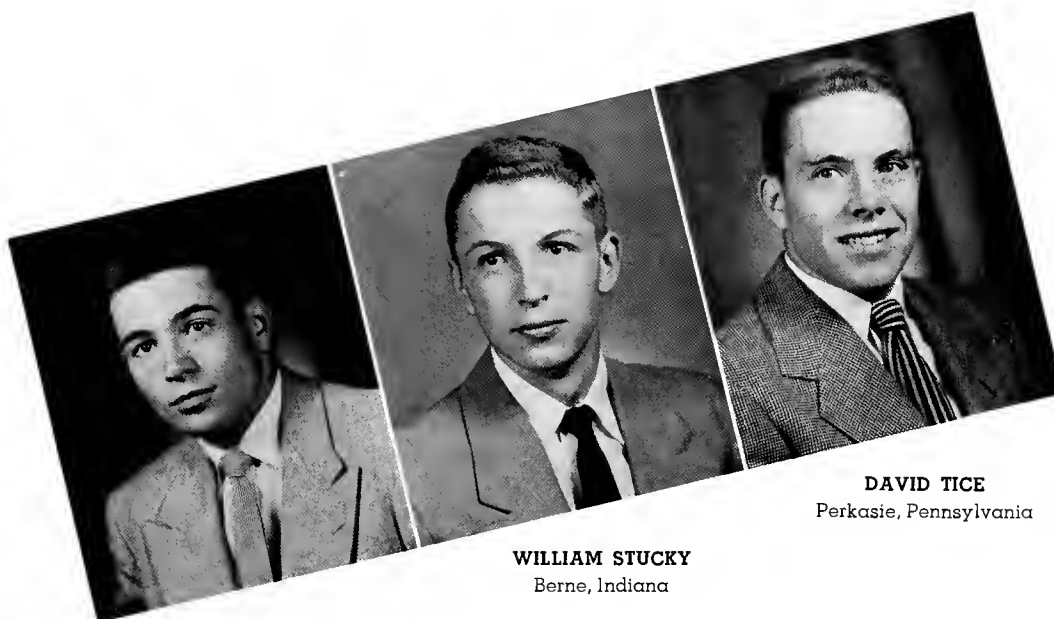
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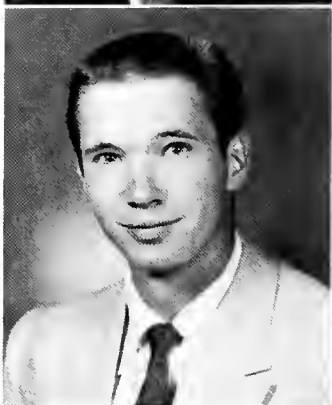
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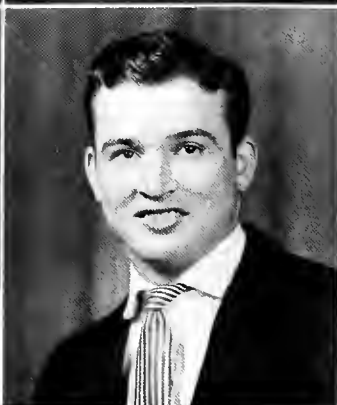
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**JUNIORS  
AT WORK**

# JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Junior Class, in conjunction with the speech department, presented "The Late Christopher Bean" by Sidney Howard, on March 19 and 20. It was directed by Dale Dickey. The technical director was Addison Myers and stage manager was Gary Sprunger.

The three act play has to do with a family of New Englanders who, years before, have given refuge to a great artist. The play opens some years after Bean's death. Dr. Haggett and his family, who have some of Bean's canvases, suddenly realize their value, and become hard, selfish, and ill tempered. Abby, the family servant, holds them all in her power. She has one of his greatest paintings, which she cannot be persuaded to sell or give away. She is the only one who really understood and appreciated the artist, because she had been married to him—without their knowledge of this fact.

The cast in order of their appearance:

Dr. Haggett.....	Sam Diller
Suzan Haggett.....	Ruth Bundy
Abby.....	Mary Anne Bertsche
Mrs. Haggett.....	Rosemary Andrew
Ada Haggett.....	Carol Miller
Warren Creamer.....	Gary Sprunger
Tallant.....	Peter Kennedy
Rosen.....	Fred Stolzenbach
Davenport.....	Bob Coon



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The Sophomore class returned to school in September eager for another year of work and fun. Of course we were very anxious to greet the new Freshmen and give them a proper welcoming. This we accomplished through a lively evening of initiation. The following Frosh-Soph party set things aright and we were friends again. Victory was again ours as we pulled the Frosh through the dirty Riley before a crowd of wildly cheering spectators.

Now we are all set to take our places in the various positions of responsibility on the campus and to learn God's will for our lives as we seek the truth in our work and play here at Bluffton College.



Rosemary Andrew



John Augsburger



John Basinger



James Bishop



David Bixel



Jean Boshart



Don Bundy



Ruth Bundy



Nestor Castellanos



Thomas Clemens



Richard Cripe



Betty Diller



Catherine Diller

Darrel Diller

Sam Diller

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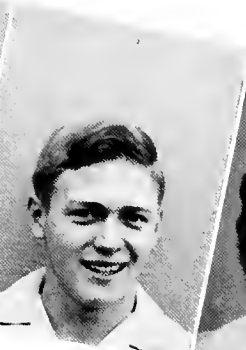
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## SECOND SEMESTER STUDENTS



**Back row:** Edward White, Fred Shaw, Don Henderson. **First row:** Daniel Smith, Ann Stuckey, Ted Stepleton. **Not shown:** Roger Bixel, Bernard Ludwig, Bill Boehr, Marion Hanover, Edmund Leech, Kenneth Harris.

# FRESHMEN CLASS



Nancy Parsell, secretary; Joe Collingwood, vice president; Willard Moser, president.  
**Not shown:** Marjorie Yoakam, treasurer.

A large group of freshmen have again passed through the stage of orientation and are already an important part of our Bluffton College family. To them things looked confusing, blurred and maybe a bit frightening the first few days, but they soon overcome that and won their way into the hearts of everyone here. The Student Council, Student Christian Association, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and the faculty tried to help them make these adjustments as easily and quickly as possible.

They have contributed greatly to the many aspects of college life—academically, athletically and socially. Our hope is that they will carry on the traditions and ideals of Bluffton College as they pass through these halls of learning and go forth into life to serve God and their fellowmen.

Robert Alexander  
Richard Amstutz  
David Anderson  
Shirley Anderson



Carolyn Augsburger  
Connie Bachman  
Donald Baechtel  
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Elnora Bear  
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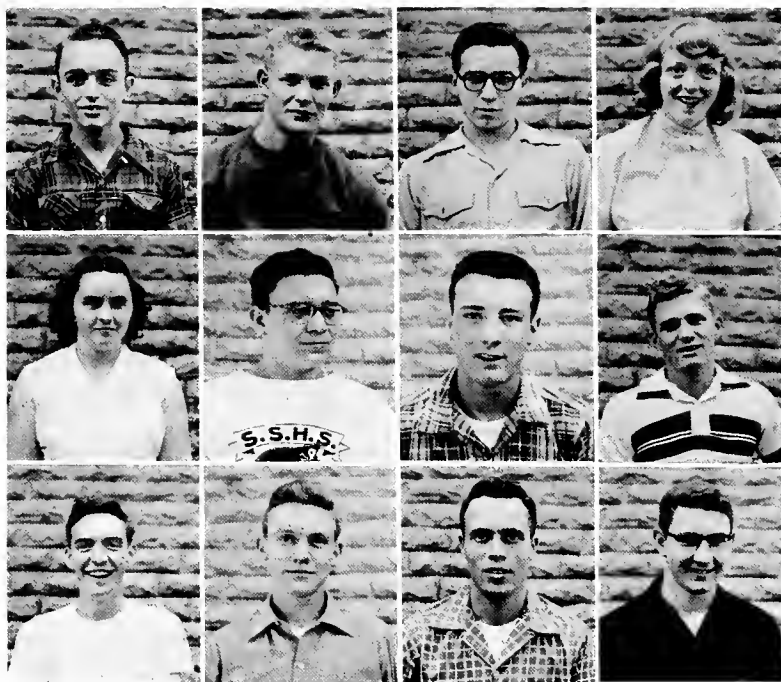


Earl Bowersock  
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Anne Crabtree

Dolores Emerick  
Martha Emerick  
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Ted Diller



Ronald Erney  
Carl Ervin  
Jerry Fink  
Donna Foskuhl

June Gerber  
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Charles Greiner  
James Gundy

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Lloyd Harnishfeger  
Richard Heckathorn  
Bob Hill



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Gary Vandemark



Els Van Lier  
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Harry Weibel  
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Stanley Wolf

Marjorie Yoakam  
Wallace Yoder  
Gerald Yost

# FOREIGN STUDENTS



Nestor Castellanos, Rafael Pagan, Johannes Hensel, Isaac Qutub, Naimeh Mukarkar, Els van Lie, Evelyn Suhweil. **Not shown:** Gladys Tormes, Luis Torres, Myriam Richardson.

A better understanding of many nations of the world is the result of living with students from these countries. This year there were students from Holland, Germany, Jordan and Puerto Rico. We are sure that a better understanding would exist among the nations of the world if many others would have the opportunity of real friendship with the people of these lands as we have experienced this friendship here at Bluffton.

# **FACULTY**



# PRESIDENT



Our great need is for a faith, concern for others, and an ethic adequate to meet the problems of this confused age. These are to be found in the Christian faith, in its teaching of love for our fellow men, and in the way of life which Christ taught us to live. While all of us need this faith and way of life, it is especially important that those gain it who receive an education to fit them to become leaders.

Contained in this book is the story of one year of life on the Bluffton College campus, an institution dedicated to this purpose. Words and pictures are inadequate to fully represent a faith and a philosophy of life which exists in the hearts of individuals. However, it is hoped that those who examine this book will catch a glimpse of this way of life, and that students viewing it in future years will be led to re-affirm the faith taught them through word and experience during this year of college life.



# DEAN



**Jacob S. Schultz, Ph.D.**

There are very few of us who realize the significance of the wonderful service which Dr. Schultz has rendered to the college in the twenty years he has been Dean. His faithful role as administrator and teacher has been a big factor in the continual growth and development of the school. His days have been filled with seeing that the little necessities of college administration are attended to and yet he has always held high the ideal of Christian training for all, that we might better serve our God. We wish to express our gratitude to him for his share in making our college days happy and profitable.

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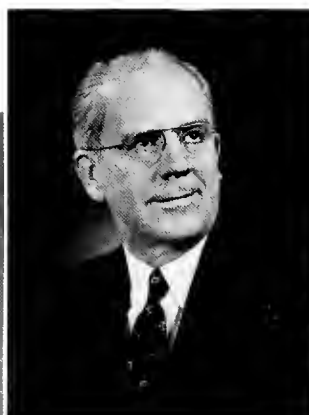
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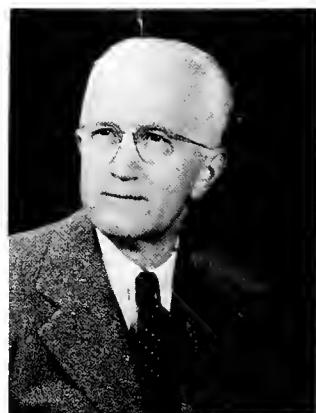
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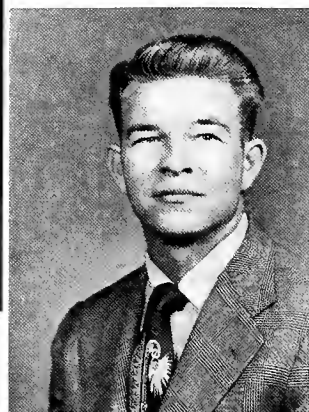
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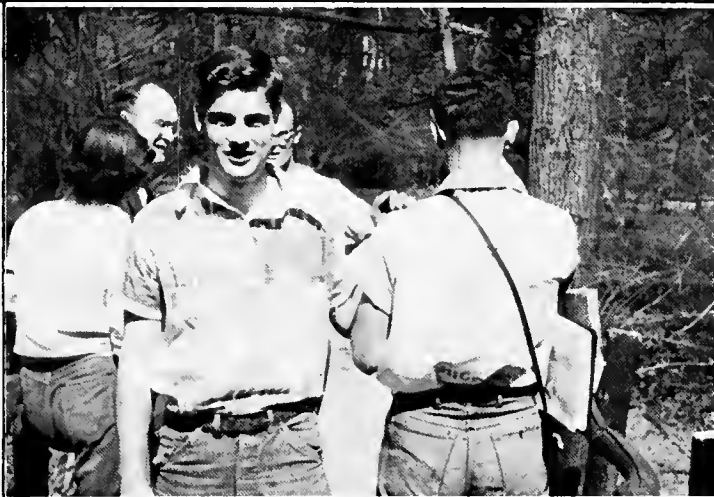
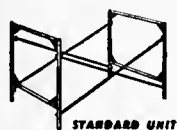


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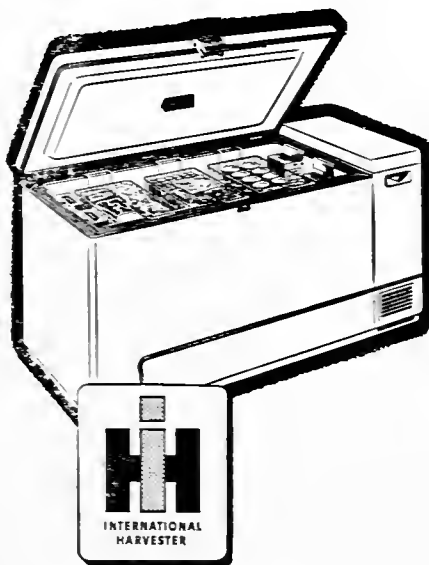
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